

AFFIDAVIT

Ivan A. Casas, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am an employee of Biogaia Biologics, Inc., which is affiliated with Biogaia Biologics AB.
2. I am familiar with the application, Serial No. 476,630 of inventors Walter J. Dobrogosz and Sven E. Lindgren (the Application) owned by Biogaia Biologics AB, and with the Office Action of December 19, 1996 in the Application.
3. As shown on the attached copy of my resume, I have been working professionally in the field of microbiology for nearly thirty years. Since 1985, I have worked with *Lactobacillus* species. My work in microbiology includes studies of gastrointestinal colonization in various animals, including chickens, turkeys, mice, rats, pigs and humans.
4. As part of my studies on colonization, I have utilized the now-patented technique disclosed in the Application for determining the presence of *Lactobacillus reuteri* (U.S. Patent No. 5,352,586, issued October 4, 1994) for studying colonization of the gastrointestinal tracts of animals by strains of this species. This technique provides an unequivocal demonstration that colonization has occurred. In any animal system, one can use this method to determine the number of viable cells of *Lactobacillus reuteri* per gram of feces as an indicator of whether colonization has occurred after a particular treatment of the animal. Unlike the determination of many other microorganisms which might be fed to animals or which might occur in the feces generally, this technique is rapid, accurate and sensitive.
4. There have been numerous studies in which animal colonization has been determined, both with *L. reuteri* and with other species. Examples of reports in the literature of some of these studies, both by people in my laboratory and by others, are listed below, copies of which are attached:

Casas, IA, FW Edens, WJ Dobrogosz and CR Parkhurst. 1993. Performance of GAIAfeed and GAIA spray: A *Lactobacillus reuteri*-based Probiotic for Poultry. In: Prevention and Control of Potentially Pathogenic Microorganisms in Poultry and Poultry Meat Products, Proc. 12, FLAIR No. 6, Probiotics and Pathogenicity, pp 63-71. Eds. Jensen, JF, MH Hinton, and RWA Mulder. DLO Centre for Poultry Research and Information Services, Beekbergen, The Netherlands.

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Edens, FW, CR Parkhurst, IA Casas and WJ Dobrogosz. 1997. Principles of *Ex Ovo* Competitive Exclusion and *In Ovo* Administration of *Lactobacillus reuteri*. Poultry Sci. 76:179-196.

England, JA, SE Watkins, E Saleh, and PW Waldroup. 1996. Effects of *Lactobacillus reuteri* on Live Performance and Intestinal Development of Male Turkeys. Appl. Poultry Sci. 5:311-324.

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Shornikova, A-V, IA Casas, E Isolauri, H Mykkanen and T. Vesikari. 1997. *Lactobacillus reuteri* as a Therapeutic Agent in Acute Diarrhea in Young Children. J. Pediatric AGastroenterology & Nutr. (n press).

Wolf, BW, KA Garleb, DG Ataya and IA Casas. 1995. Safety and Tolerance of *Lactobacillus reuteri* in Healthy Adult Male Subjects, Microbial Ecol. in Health & Dis. 8:41-50.

5. It is my professional opinion that anyone who is familiar with the disclosure in the Application and with working with a particular animal or animals, could easily determine how many cells of *L. reuteri* to be used in the particular animal(s) to result in colonization, by doing a preliminary survey with varying dose levels, and analyzing the feces using the method reported in the Application. Of course, in the alternative, a large dose could be used, for example, 10^9 /gram or even more, to assure colonization without preliminary testing in any system.
6. The above statements are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

This the 12 day of June, 1997.


Ivan A. Casas-Perez

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Wake

Before me personally appeared Ivan A. Casas-Perez, known to me, who personally subscribed his name to the foregoing document in my presence and made oath before me that the statements set forth therein were true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, this 12th day of June, 1997.

This the 12th day of June, 1997.

June Potter
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10/22/99

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HIGHER EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Microbiology. The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. 1968.
Biochemistry and Animal Nutrition. Universidad Agraria La Molina, Lima.Peru; M. S. level. 1963
Ag. Engineer. Universidad Agraria La Molina, Lima.Peru, 1962
B.S. in Ag. Sciences. Universidad Agraria La Molina, Lima.Peru, 1961

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Director of Research.	Sept 1, 1989 -present
Biogaia Biologics, AB, Sweden	
Director of Research.	Sept 1, 1987-1989
ProBiologics International, Inc., Raleigh, NC.	
Adjunct Professor of Microbiology.	Sept 1, 1987-present
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.	
Visiting Professor of Microbiology.	July 31, 1985-Sept 1,
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Professor.	1979-1988
School of Veterinary Sciences, Universidad del Zulia, Maracaibo, Venezuela.	
Visiting Professor of Microbiology.	1977-1978
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.	
Associate Professor.	1970-1979
School of Veterinary Sciences, Universidad del Zulia, Maracaibo, Venezuela.	
Assistant Professor.	1968-1970
Universidad de Oriente. Maturin and School of Veterinary Sciences, Universidad del Zulia, Maracaibo, Venezuela.	

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS:

FAO fellowship (1965-1967), Penn State Univ; Assist. Biochemist, Nuclear Energy Program, Org. Am. States (Costa Rica).
Postdoctoral fellow (USDA research grant), Dept. Microbiol., NC State Univ. (Raleigh, NC).
Member of: American Society for Microbiology
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Poultry Science Association
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SELECTED PERSONAL PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (OF ca 20). In 1985 Dr. Casas changed his field of study from plant -host interactions and food microbiology (exemplified by publications 1 and 2) to research on Lactobacillus species as indicated:

Currently in various stages of progress are 9 manuscripts summarizing the studies showing:

- 1- The beneficial effects of Lactobacillus reuteri administrations on livability, morbidity, and commercial productivity in chickens and turkeys.
- 2- Studies on the incorporation of Lactobacillus reuteri in foods, including survival, effect on product characteristics.
- 3- The beneficial effects of Lactobacillus reuteri administrations on humans.

PUBLICATIONS (LAST 8 YEARS):

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- Edens F. W., I. A. Casas, and C. R. Parkhurst and Kristi Joyce. Reduction of Egg-Borne *E. coli*-Associated Chick Mortality by In-Hatcher exposure to *Lactobacillus reuteri*. Poultry Science 73: (Sup. 1, Abs.), p 79. (1994).
- Edens F. W., I. A. Casas, and C. R. Parkhurst. Effect of *Lactobacillus reuteri* as GAIA Spray™ on In-Pen and In-Hatcher Lateral Transmission of *Salmonella typhimurium* and Enteropathogenic *Escherichia coli* in chickens. Lactic '94, Caen, France. September 7-10, (1994)
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